

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 94-291-C - ORDER NO. 94-878/  
AUGUST 29, 1994

IN RE:	Application of Telecommunication Service	)	ORDER
	Center, Inc. for a Certificate of Public	)	DENYING
	Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	PETITION FOR
	Resold Telecommunications Services in	)	WAIVER OF
	South Carolina.	)	HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) upon the Petition for Waiver of Hearing filed on behalf of Telecommunications Service Center, Inc. (TSC).

TSC states that it filed its Application for Authority with the Commission on May 19, 1994. TSC alleges that at the time it filed its Application that the practice of the Commission was not to require a hearing if there were no intervening parties in a Docket. TSC states that while two parties, Bell South and the Consumer Advocate of South Carolina, intervened in this Docket, both parties have subsequently withdrawn their interventions as of August 12, 1994.

The Commission has carefully examined this matter and concludes that the Petition for Waiver of Hearing must be denied. While the Commission has previously waived the hearing in some Dockets where all intervening parties have withdrawn, no Commission rule exists making such waiver of hearing mandatory or standard practice. The Commission has considered this past practice and is

of the opinion that it is the better practice to fully examine an Applicant's situation at hearing. Therefore, the Commission holds that a hearing should be held in this Docket and denies the Petition for Waiver of Hearing filed by TSC.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition for Waiver of Hearing filed by TSC is denied.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

  
VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)